



FESTIVAL PLANNERS . . . District chairman for the giant Parish Festival for St. James Church are discussing plans for the event next Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23. Jack Carlisle (seated) of 328 Paseo de Gracia, led the discussion on booths, concessions, and dinner. Other chairman at the meeting included (from left) Felix O'Reilly and Herb Gulick of Redondo Beach and John Heptig, 5359 Binde-wald Dr.

Invite District To Take Part in LA County Fair

The Torrance Unified School District has been invited to participate in a public school exhibit at the 27th annual Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, Sept. 17 through Oct. 3.

Dr. C. C. Brillingham, county superintendent of schools, is chairman of the advisory committee composed of prominent educators. William V. Bruce, of Pomona schools, is again acting as coordinator.

Robert C. Morton has been designated as the local district representative.

Similar invitations have been sent to 63 other school districts covering the entire county and from early response it is evident that the majority will participate. Over 50,000 square feet of floor space will be devoted to the dramatic presentation designed to show the practical application of aims and objectives of education in the schools. The theme this year is "Resources of America."

Exhibits will be grouped under seven major divisions: fine arts, language arts, vocational and practical arts, science, (Political Advertisement)

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health, physical education, recreation, safety, mechanics and social studies. An advisory committee is working with each of these divisions.

There will be both fixed displays and demonstrations and arrangements are being made for the participation of both teachers and pupils.



MEDAL WINNER . . . Capt. Leonard Bell, son of Mrs. Anne Bell, 22717 Linda Dr., receives the Bronze Star Medal from Col. Frank Silliman, commander of the Tokyo Service Unit in Japan. Capt. Bell was cited for meritorious service from Dec. 1, 1951, to March 1, 1954, when he served concurrently as executive officer, section chief and firearms examiner for the Far East Criminal Investigation Lab. He is a former detective sergeant from Akron, Ohio.

B'nai B'rith Speaker Told
Naomi Conn of the Israeli Consulate will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of the South Bay B'nai B'rith Lodge, to be held tonight at the Alan-Richard Hall, 4951 Carson St.

"Drivers who have no idea of the distance a car will travel in a given interval are most apt to find themselves involved in serious rear-end collisions," he said.

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SOME FUN . . . Torrance singer Gail Link, right, inspects a "Beauties and the Beast" type chorus line during rehearsals for the South Bay Civic Light Opera Association's next musical comedy "Knickerbocker Holiday," to be staged in early July. Getting their kicks are, left to right, Rita Green, of Seaside Ranchos; Mary Hall, Torrance; Jo Ray, teacher at the Perry Elementary School, and Nancy Hand, of Westchester.

South Bay CAP In Jet Search
South Bay Squadron 43, Group Seven of the Civil Air Patrol based at Torrance Municipal Airport, was alerted Sunday to take part in a search for a Navy Jet Aircraft lost in the vicinity of Oxnard.

L. M. C. Allman, Sqdn. 43 Operations Officer sent two Alcoupes, two Luscombes and one L-4 USAF on-loan aircraft.

Search pilots were Major Dave Cochran and Lt. Bob Pinkney, of Hollywood Riviera; W/O Carl Shirley, of San Pedro; Sgt. Everett Craig of Redondo Beach;

and Sgt. Jean Hardesty of Lomita. Search Observers were W/O Mary Pinkney, Sgt. E. Shirley, Sgt. Nancy Gessner and Sgt. John Stanford.

Lt. Allman also dispatched a ground rescue team composed of Senior Sgt. Roger Gessner, and Cadets Martin Hoxworth, John DeBenedictis, Ed Hux, Jim Stuart and Bob Swanhugh.

LARGEST HAT
James Garfield wore the largest hat of any American President—size 7 1/2.

Kettler's Capers
The extra festive touch. It was a tired but happy Billy who bid his guests goodbye at the end of the afternoon.

Kettlerites enjoying the Ice Capades last Sunday evening were Walt and Edna Sharon and Gordie and Virginia Jones and their offspring, all of Reynosa Dr. It also was Edna's birthday and she was quite surprised when Gordie and Virginia presented her with a remembrance gift.

Another birthday party that was lots of fun in spite of the weather was the one honoring Billy Wassenberg, son of Miriam Wassenberg, 2105 Middlebrook Rd. Billy also was eight years old and was host to about 20 of his neighborhood playmates.

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Comedy, Music Blend 'Y' Caravan Trip To High Sierras Slated for Boys

One of the most entertaining musical comedies in the six-year history of the active South Bay Civic Light Opera Association currently is in weekly rehearsal at Redondo High School as "Knickerbocker Holiday" heads for a mid-summer opening.

"This new vehicle offers an entirely different show in its type of presentation," states Director Melville H. Tully. In combining the talents of playwright Maxwell Anderson and Composer Kurt Weill, the musical offers a thoroughly entertaining comedy mixed with a score that's a challenge to skilled talent.

"Knickerbocker Holiday" offers a cast acclaimed by the directorial staff of the Opera Group as one of the best combinations of past favorites and some talented newcomers. A colorful parody on life in early New Amsterdam, the story unfolds as envisioned by one of the nation's most talented storytellers, Washington Irving, who has injected into "Holiday" some of the same humorous characterizations as in his well known "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle."

The new musical comedy will bring to South Bay audiences a production with the color of "Kiss Me Kate," the sophisticated comedy of "Tosalland," the family appeal of "Bloomer Girl," the narrative of "The Merry Widow," the wit of "Paris" and the haunting musical quality of "Down In The Valley," Tully said.

Demand's Fine Direction
To guide such an undertaking demands the work of numerous departments, each a complete facet of production in its own right. Heading the list is General Director Melville H. Tully. Widely known in this area for his many musical activities, Tully has brought musical comedy of highest caliber and ever-increasing quality to South Bay audiences. He is a member of the Choral Conductors Guild of Los Angeles and a faculty member of the Redondo Adult Education staff, conductor of St. Cross Episcopal Church Choir, a teacher of voice in Hermosa Beach and Los Angeles, a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and the Redondo Lions Club. His late wife, Dorothy, is an accompanist for the Opera Group.

The originality of the dance numbers in eight past productions of South Bay Opera, is a constant tribute to the talents of Anne Douglas. Nearly every music hall in America, on a time or another has presented her as soloist or member of a company. She has appeared with such notables as Ruth-St. Denis, Martha Graham and Ted Shawn. Her work in this area is widely known through the dance studio she and her sister, Germaine Ballou, conduct in Manhattan Beach. The Dutch Dances choreographed by Anne Douglas promise to be a highlight of "Knickerbocker Holiday," Tully stated.

Colorfully Staged
A visual feast for the eye is what Set Designer Eugene Clay is planning for the mid-July evening of the new musical. With all the colorful elements of New Amsterdam, the settings will play an important part in the overall entertainment feature of this particular show. Well remembered hits as previous settings in such hits as "Naughty Marietta," "The Firefly," "The Mikado" and "Pirates of Penzance." Clay brings to the group again a competent knowledge of the art field, having been educated at Pomona College, where he was active in every phase of art direction. In addition to sets for the Opera Group he has designed "Down In The Valley" for the Wilshire Methodist Church production. At present, he is an engineering student.

Got a phone call this week from Mrs. Lorene Stevens of Moneta Ave. in Torrance to tell her that her mother, Mrs. Anna Kendrick of Neece Ave. is enjoying herself greatly on an extended visiting trip. Seems she left last Friday to visit her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Gorman, of Pine Ridge, S. D. From South Dakota the group is going together to Moscow, Idaho, where Mrs. Kendrick will see her grandson Bobby who is graduated from college.

Hear those whoops 'n' hollers last week-end up on Los Compton Ave. Seems the reason for them was a combined birthday party given for Kenny and Karen Cramer, son and daughter of the Robert Cramers of that street. Twenty-one children joined in wishing the pair two very happy birthdays—Kenny's seventh and Karen's fourth. After the games, which were played indoors on account of the coolish weather, the party-goers joined in the patio for cake, ice cream, nutcrups and various favors. There were two cakes in pink and one in blue. Lucky prize-winners for the afternoon were Gary Hagan, Delight Gehres and Mike Cumforn.

Our thoughts this week are with Mrs. Henry (Marie) Cunningham and son Jimmy of Newton St. Marie and Jimmy flew back to New York last Sunday evening after receiving news that Marie's mother is seriously ill in a hospital there.

The Mother and Daughter banquet sponsored by the local WSCS and held last Friday evening at the Watteria Community Methodist Church was an event long to be remembered by those attending. Of necessity, the tickets were limited to a capacity crowd of 150. Mrs. Robert Cramer acted as mistress of ceremonies. The menu of spaghetti and meat, salad, French rolls, cake and coffee was thoroughly enjoyed. On the program for the event were several musical numbers, all work-

A week of living-out under the stars, fishing, hiking and exploring are in store for boys, ages 12 to 16, who sign up for Torrance YMCA's special caravan trip to the High Sierras July 29 to Aug. 5, according to Stan Roberts, "Y" executive secretary.

Thus far, nine boys have signed for the trip. Billy Duncan, first to sign up, registered a year ago for the caravan. Others going are Michael Mullon, Gene Roberts, John and David Carpenter, Jack Walker, Lewis Rea, Jon Underwood and Jim Lovett.

A maximum of 30 boys will be taken on the trip, which will conclude with two days at Yosemite. Boys will do their own cooking, fish, hike and tour ghost towns and mines. They will travel by covered truck equipped with boxes to carry food and cooking equipment.

Special sessions will be held before going on the trip to train the campers in mountain fishing techniques and outdoor cooking. Five YMCA leaders will accompany the boys on the adventure in the Sierras.

NEGROES SERVED
Negroes served in the American Revolutionary armies.

DEATH CHAMBER
Death by lethal gas is the form of capital punishment used in eight states.

BLOOD WEIGHT
Toledo (SF)—Blood in the human body comprises one-eighth of the total weight.

Watteria News Notes

Pacific Hills Group Dance Huge Success

The Pacific Hills Homeowners Association held another of its bang-up dances last weekend. From what we hear, the dance was a big success, as usual, with good music and a splendid crowd. Music was provided by a five-piece band and everyone had a fine time "swingin' and swayin'." By the way, this reporter's cheeks are a bit pink. Seems that the figures on the amount the association collected for Chuckie Smith and his family were a bit on the short side. The amount was to the tune of \$233.39 instead of \$150. Gets better 'n' better all the time!

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Glad to hear that John Minor, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Minor of Madison St., was able to visit with his parents for three days last week. John, who has spent 17 months in Japan with the U. S. Navy, is now on leave from the ship USS Wallcut. He arrived in San Diego on May 1, and was met there by his parents. At present he is journeying back to Chicago where he will meet his wife and children and bring them out to live here. He will now be stationed on a ship with home base in Long Beach, so his family will live in our town. Welcome back to all of them!

So sorry to hear that little Danny Chiauano of Criclewood, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chiauano, is in the San Pedro Community Hospital after an injury sustained in a fall in the garage of the family home last Thursday evening. It was necessary for him to undergo surgery, and have several blood transfusions, but as of now he is getting much better. Hope he can come home soon.

Final Moms' Film Slated

The final film showing for the Torrance parents' group has been scheduled for Thursday, May 27, at 1 p.m., in the Torrance Health Center, 2300 Carson St., according to Mrs. Ercilia Frake, public health nurse-instructor.

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